

COMMENT OF THE DAY

What Matters

THE Geneva conference, unlike its predecessor in Berlin, has to deal with a situation in flux, with nations only just emerging into modern nationhood, and with wars that are still raging or only just ended. The chief Western participants at the conference have different traditions in Asia. France is engaged in a bitter war which she has long wanted to end on honourable terms. Britain and the United States support French Union forces resisting Communist aggression in Southeast Asia and recognise that they are fighting the battle of free men everywhere. Britain's attitude derives from her ancient connections with Asia. Nevertheless the links of a newer kind with members of the Commonwealth who have achieved independence since the war are extremely significant. If it is the main problem of Asian nations to achieve full independence without losing it again to alien Communist domination, then the example of India, Pakistan and Ceylon may well be decisive for Asia today. Their independence is complete, they may on occasions—as the Indian Government has at times—disagree with British policy, yet they are not in the event of any threat to their independence on full British support. Independence, in fact, has not meant dangerous isolation for them. It is natural that successive British governments should see in this combination of independence and partnership the model for relations between Asia and the West. Therefore, in any durable settlement in Asia the representatives of these hundreds of millions of people must play their part, and Britain must help them to do so.

FOR the United States, on the other hand, the second world war began at Pearl Harbour. For many Americans the Far Eastern war loomed larger than the European. The bulk of the burden of defence fell on America. This experience led many Americans to two conclusions—first that they should have no dealings with Chinese Communists, secondly that they should never again become involved in a land conflict of the Korean type. Then in the weeks before Geneva it came to look as if the situation in Indo-China might well threaten American people with a choice between just these two abhorrent courses. The Administration began to prepare public opinion for the hard decision, and the process was accompanied by one of those typically outspoken public debates which, because of its vociferousness and partisanship, immediately creates alarm in other countries. It is idle to deny that the American attitude and approach differs from that of the European allies. In particular the Americans are far more pessimistic about the possibilities of any successful negotiations. If they are right, and no honourable settlement can be obtained in Indo-China then Britain, France and the United States are committed to look into the possibility of a collective defence organisation in Southeast Asia. On the other hand, if some sort of Indo-China settlement can be reached, there must also be found methods for guaranteeing it. The aim therefore is a system which will secure for Asia the same relative stability that has already been achieved in Europe. And even if the Powers approach that from different positions, it is not the route, but the destination that counts.

Text Of Vietminh Plan For Indo-China Settlement

Eisenhower Holds A Top-Secret Meeting

Washington, May 10. President Eisenhower held an unscheduled top-secret meeting with his top diplomatic and military advisers late today, presumably on the critical situation in Indo-China and Southeast Asia.

The White House meeting was held in a sharp new partisan debate on Indo-China. Democrats charged the United States' world prestige had hit a new low. Republicans staunchly defended Mr. Eisenhower and the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles.

Present at the unannounced meeting with the President, who lasted nearly an hour, was Mr. Dulles, the Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, and Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Reporters asked Mr. Dulles afterward if the meeting involved Indo-China. The Secretary replied: "That's a pretty good guess, but I don't want to say any more."

Mr. Dulles earlier held a new round of conferences with the diplomatic representatives of Australia, Thailand and the Philippines, three of the free nations he hopes to include in a proposed 10-nation Southeast Asia defence pact.

The Secretary faces another packed day tomorrow, when he will hold his first news conference since March 23 and lunch with Mr. Eisenhower. Mr. Dulles also plans further conferences with representatives of the three Associated States of Indo-China and France.

The State Department spokesman Mr. Lincoln White, said the purpose of the meetings was to determine what nations would join the "united front" and what commitments they were prepared to make.—United Press.

Unexpected Warm Spell

London, May 10. A surprise warm spell gave Britons their first glimpse of summer today. Temperatures soared up into the 70s, surprising the experts as much as everyone else. The cause is an anti-cyclone, which suddenly developed over France, then unexpectedly turned north instead of east to bring Britain the sun. In London, climaxing a brilliantly sunny day, temperatures reached 75 degrees Fahrenheit in the late afternoon—15 degrees higher than at the same time yesterday. The warmest place in the country was Leicester—80 degrees. The summery spell should last a few days, experts said today.—China Mail Special.

Cement Co's Precipitator To Reduce "Steam Screen" Now Being Tested

No smoke, or to be more correct steam, has been coming from the Green Island Cement Company's chimney stack at Hung Hom, since last week. The reasons? In the first place, maintenance work was being carried out; secondly the Company yesterday started tests with the new precipitator (smoke reducing) equipment, and further tests will be made during this week.

The new electrostatic precipitator was installed last Monday but tests did not begin until yesterday because the company was carrying out maintenance work on one of the kilns during the week.

A second precipitator, it is hoped, will be installed in about three months' time.

When both precipitators are working normally the familiar steam haze which floats across Kowloon should be considerably reduced. The precipitators are designed to take out virtually

all the dust and small from the steam. The company says however there will still be visible steam coming from the factory varying in amount with the humidity but this, it claims, will not be a nuisance to the public. The installation of these electrostatic precipitators will cost the company about \$700,000. Because of the nuisance of the steam to plane pilots the company will be installing more equipment next year to reduce the steam still more. The company has approved the expenditure of \$250,000 to buy

a rotary slurry filter which is expected to reduce the water content of slurry fed into the kiln by more than 60 per cent. This should mean a reduction of 60 per cent in the steam coming from the company's chimneys. It is expected this equipment will be delivered in Hong Kong by next April and the company hopes to have this plant in operation by the end of 1955. When this installation has been completed the company will have spent almost \$1,500,000 on smoke-abatement measures.

3 AIMS: END THE WAR; RE-ESTABLISH PEACE; PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP

Evacuation Of Dien Bien Phu Wounded Offer

Geneva, May 10.

The text of the eight-point Vietminh plan for an Indo-China settlement was released tonight.

In advancing his proposals, Mr. Pham Van Dong, the Vietminh Deputy Premier, told the nine-nation conference that they pursued a triple aim, namely, to end the war; to ensure the re-establishment of peace on a basis of recognition of the national rights of the peoples of Indo-China; and to establish friendly relations between the countries of Indo-China and France.

Tonight also the Vietminh delegation issued a statement that the Vietminh Government was "prepared to authorise the evacuation of the seriously wounded of the French Expeditionary Corps who were taken prisoner at Dien Bien Phu."

The text of the Vietminh eight-point settlement plan reads:

MINISTERS DISCUSS HK GLOVES

Our Own Correspondent
London, May 10.
Three British ministers met Hongkong representatives today and talked—unofficially—about knitted gloves.

The "talks" took place on the Hong Kong stand at the British Industries Fair between Mr. Peter Thornycroft, President of the Board of Trade, Lord Swinton, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, and Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Minister of State for the Colonies, and members of the Hong Kong BIF delegation together with Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, Hongkong Government representative in London.

The ministers spent a considerable time examining samples of gloves—the most recent target for attack by rival British manufacturers.

The conversation was "off the record" and cordial throughout, but it can be said the visitors were visibly impressed by the high quality of the gloves.

On their departure they congratulated organisers on the wide range of goods on display.

ADMINISTRATION
4. Prior to the establishment of unified Governments in each of the above mentioned states the Governments of both sides will respectively carry out their administrative functions in the districts which will be under their administration.

FLIGHT RECORD
Chicago, May 10.
Pan-American World Airways said here today that its Clipper John Alden had set a new unofficial record for a flight from Shannon, Eire, to Chicago.

It reached here on Sunday 14 hours and four minutes after departure from Eire, by-passing Gander, Newfoundland because of weather conditions. Capt. John Stuart piloted.—United Press.

1. Recognition by France of the sovereignty and independence of Vietnam throughout the territory of Vietnam and also of the sovereignty and independence of Khmer and Pathet Lao.

2. Conclusion of an agreement on the withdrawal of all foreign troops from the territory of Vietnam, Khmer (Cambodia) and Pathet Lao (Laos) within the time limits to be agreed upon between the belligerents.

3. Holding of free general elections in Vietnam, Khmer and Pathet Lao. Convening of advisory conferences of the representatives of the Governments of both sides in Vietnam, Khmer and Pathet Lao in each of the states separately and under conditions securing freedom of activity for patriotic parties, groups and social organisations in the preparation and the holding of free general elections in each country; while interference from outside should not be permitted. Local commissions will be set up to supervise the preparation for and the carrying out of elections.

4. Prior to the establishment of unified Governments in each of the above mentioned states the Governments of both sides will respectively carry out their administrative functions in the districts which will be under their administration.

5. The statement by the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam on the readiness of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to examine the question of the entry of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam into the French Union in conformity with the principle of free will and on the conditions of the entry.

6. The recognition by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam as well as by Khmer and Pathet Lao of the economic and cultural interests of France existing in these countries.

7. After the establishment of unified Governments in Vietnam, Khmer, Pathet Lao, the economic cultural relations of these states with France should be subject to the settlement in conformity with the principles of equality and mutual interest. Pending the establishment of the unified Government in the three states, the economic and cultural relations of Indo-China with France should temporarily remain without a change such as they exist now. However in the areas where communications and trade links have been broken off they can be re-established on the basis of understanding between both sides.

8. The citizens of both sides will enjoy the privileged status to be determined later in matters pertaining to domicile, movement and business activities on the territory of the other side.

9. The belligerent sides undertake not to prosecute persons who collaborated with the other side during the war.

10. Carrying out mutual exchange of prisoners of war.

11. Implementation of measures referred to in paragraphs 1-7, should be preceded by the cessation of hostilities in Indo-China and by the conclusion of this end of appropriate agreements between France and each of the three states which should provide for:

(a) Complete and simultaneous ceasefire throughout the whole of the Indo-China territory by all armed forces of the belligerent sides: ground, naval and air. Both sides in each of the three states of Indo-China for the purpose of strengthening the armistice will carry out necessary settlement of territories and of the areas occupied by them and it should also be provided that both sides should not hinder each other during the passage for the purpose of the above mentioned settlement by the troops of the other side over the territory occupied by the other side;

(b) Complete termination of transportation into Indo-China from abroad of new ground, naval and air units or personnel of any kind of arms and ammunition;

(c) To set up control over the implementation of the terms of agreement on the cessation of hostilities and to establish for this purpose in each of the three states mixed commissions composed of the representatives of the belligerent sides.—United Press.

OFFER CONFIRMED
Geneva, May 10.
The Communist Vietminh (Contd. on back page, Col. 8)

Wedding To Be Held In Mid-Air

Toulouse, May 10. In her white wedding dress and confidently holding the hand of her bridegroom in evening dress in a steel cable 70 feet above the town square, a bride will say: "I will" at their mid-air wedding here on May 22.

Abbe Simon, who will conduct the wedding will be perched on top of the local fire brigades' highest ladder. The tight rope walker, 20-year-old "Berry", and her 25-year-old bridegroom "Rogers", will cut the wedding cake on the tight rope.

Abbe Simon had to get permission from the Archbishop of Toulouse, Cardinal Salgues, and the city's authorities to conduct the wedding.—France-Press.

HK Soldier Under Arrest

Manila, May 11. The British Legation disclosed today that British Army deserter Pte. Ronald Mann has been under arrest here since early March and will be returned to Hongkong to face a charge of being absent without official leave.

The Legation said Pte. Mann was arrested by the Philippine authorities as an illegal immigrant and detained at the detention station on Engineer Island near the mouth of the Pasig River in Manila.

Pte. Mann, who was born in Cardiff, Wales, in 1916, joined the British Army in 1947 and was transferred to Hongkong in 1949, the Legation said. According to a statement he gave the Legation, Pte. Mann deserted the Army in Hongkong toward the end of 1951 and remained in Hongkong until February 1953, when he stowed away on a vessel bound for Manila. He was believed to have remained in Manila and its suburbs up to the time of his arrest.

The British Legation and Philippine authorities are making arrangements for Pte. Mann's return to Hongkong.—United Press.

Prison Sentence For Cruelty

London, May 10. Edward L. Stevens was sentenced to three months imprisonment today for killing a kitten by throwing it into a furnace at the London newspaper office where he worked. A Magistrate, Sir Laurence Dunne said he imposed the maximum penalty for causing the animal unnecessary suffering by "cruel and malicious" cruelty.—United Press.

Earthquake In Greece Causes Widespread Destruction



Thousands of people have been rendered homeless owing to earthquakes in Central Greece during the past ten days. This picture shows the village of Sophades. With devastation around them, people pitifully seek through the ruins of their home hoping to salvage some of their belongings from the wreckage.—London Express Photo. Other pictures on Page 3.

Wharfies Boycott Shipping

Brisbane, May 10. Wharf and dock workers at all North Queensland ports, fearing possible contamination from American hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific, today imposed a sudden boycott on virtually all regular shipping from Japan, Indo-China and other Far Eastern countries.

They said that they would refuse to handle cargo from all ships using the Torres Strait until the vessels are made subject to scientific tests to determine whether or not they are free of radioactive H-bomb particles.

The 85-mile Torres Strait is a channel between the south coast of New Guinea and the northern coast of the Cape York Peninsula, Australia, which connects the Arafura Sea with the Coral Sea.

At the port of Cairns dock workers refused to unload a cargo of cement aboard the Chinese freighter Hai Chang from Japan until it has been tested for possible radio-activity. Workers at ports in other coastal areas are likely to impose a similar ban.—United Press.

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Bedell Smith Attacks Vietnam Proposals At Geneva

AMERICA BACKS FRENCH PLAN

Safeguards For Indo-China Settlement Stated

Geneva, May 10.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Bedell Smith, said today that any settlement in Indo-China "must include provisions for effective international supervision and the assurance of powers and privileges on the part of the international supervising authority to enable it to carry out its responsibilities."

He added: "The United States welcomes the French initiative and believes the French representative has made a helpful contribution toward the restoration of peace in Indo-China."

"The French proposals are consistent with the general principles to which any satisfactory settlement must conform. In our opinion they should be accompanied by a programme for the resolution of political problems."

"We look forward to hearing the views of the Government of Vietnam on such a programme."

"The United States notes the French proposal that agreements shall be guaranteed by the states participating in the Geneva conference," General Bedell Smith said.

"The United States has already demonstrated its devotion to the principle of collective security and its willingness to help in the development of collective security arrangements in Southeast Asia as elsewhere."

"Until it is possible to secure clearly the exact nature of the agreement to be guaranteed and to determine the obligations of the guarantors we will of course not be able to express any judgment on this section of the proposal."

"The United States delegation suggests that the conference adopt the French proposal as a basis of discussion and hopes that we will move forward constructively and rapidly in bringing about a restoration of peace in Indo-China."

"The American delegation has listened with sympathy to the factual recital of the representatives of Cambodia and Laos and will study with interest their proposals for the restoration of peace in Indo-China and Laos."

Mr. Bedell Smith said that his delegation welcomed warmly the proposals made and accepted today for the evacuation of the long suffering wounded of Dien Bien Phu.

He added that the delegation "hopes sincerely that this evacuation will be effected without delay."

"Remarkable Effrontery"

He then attacked as a "remarkable distortion" the speech by Mr. Phan Van Dong. He said: "The Vietnamese spokesman is well trained in the Communist technique of distorting history and calling black white. The world has learned to evaluate such spurious allegations."

"The charges made against the United States by the Vietnamese representative are substantially identical with those made by other Communist representatives during the opening phase of the Korean discussion."

"They have been already amply and adequately refuted and I see no reason to divert the conference from its important task by according them further attention."

"I cannot, however, refrain from commenting on his remarkable effrontery in describing the brutal Vietnamese aggression against Cambodia and Laos as a movement of liberation."

"At present I will merely say it is extremely difficult to believe that the Vietnamese representative has come to this conference with any intention of negotiating a just and durable peace."

Mr. Bedell Smith said the United States hoped sincerely that the conference would result in the restoration of peace in Indo-China and in the opportunity for Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam to enjoy their independence "under conditions of a real and lasting peace."

The United States maintained that the first principle of any Indo-China settlement must be to assure the independence and freedom of the three states.

He added: "The United States has shown in many ways its sympathy for the effort of the Associated States to safeguard their independence. We have provided material aid to France and the Associated States to assist them in this effort and have given them support to enable them to resist open invasion from without their borders."

"We will continue to do so," Reuter.

Now Windscreens

Crack In Japan

Tokyo, May 10.

The "pitted windscreens" epidemic hit Japan today.

Three car-owners reported that windows on their motorcars had cracked mysteriously within the past 48 hours in a repetition of the epidemic which hit car-owners recently in Great Britain and the United States.

As in those countries, no one here had any explanation for the phenomenon.

The first of the incidents occurred on Saturday night at Kawasaki, 10 miles south of Tokyo.

When taxi driver Yoshizo Enomoto opened the door of his 1951 Pontiac, and sat down in the driver's seat, there was a "pop like an electric bulb breaking," he said. When he looked around, the back windscreens of his car showed several large cracks.

There followed a succession of smaller crackling sounds, and



At the Salvation Army's High Council meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames last week was Commissioner M. Cymura, of Japan. The meeting was held to elect a new leader to succeed General Albert Osborn, who is retiring in June.

Have The Russians Heard Of Pathet-Lao And Khmer

Molotov Stuttered And His Official Was Evasive

Geneva, May 10.

Western officials have met with "red herring" answers wherever they question Russian spokesmen on the two "phantom" governments of Pathet-Lao (Laos) and Khmer (Cambodia), which the Communists had been trying to seat at the Indo-China peace conference.

According to Western delegates, the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, had to search through his notes at Saturday's sessions to find the names of the two alleged states.

And then he stuttered trying to pronounce them, causing Western delegates to chuckle with laughter.

The following question and answer routine took place at the Soviet press conference which followed the disclosure of Communist demands for the seating of the two "phantom" delegations.

Question—When did Soviet Russia recognize Khmer and Pathet-Lao, who is their Foreign Minister and who are their ambassadors in Moscow?

Soviet spokesman—I suggest you address that question to the representatives of Khmer and Pathet-Lao.

Question—Are there any diplomatic relations between Khmer, Pathet-Lao and Soviet Russia?

Spokesman—I have already replied to that question just now.

Question—If we were to say that Soviet Russia has not recognized Khmer and Pathet-Lao would that be correct?

Spokesman—I refer to my earlier answer.

Question—Have you ever met any inhabitants of Khmer and Pathet-Lao?

Spokesman—I think you are making fun of your own question. And I heartily agree with you. I myself am roaring with laughter (with a dead-pan face).—United Press.

No Germans Being Trained In USA

Washington, May 10.

The Defence Department said today that no German military personnel were being trained by the United States either in this country or elsewhere.

In answer to questions, a spokesman said there was no training of Germans under the military assistance programme, there was no plan for such training, and there was no legal basis for it in the mutual defence pact.

The only training that had been done, the spokesman said, involved some small guard companies trained in Germany for guard duty early in the occupation.—United Press.

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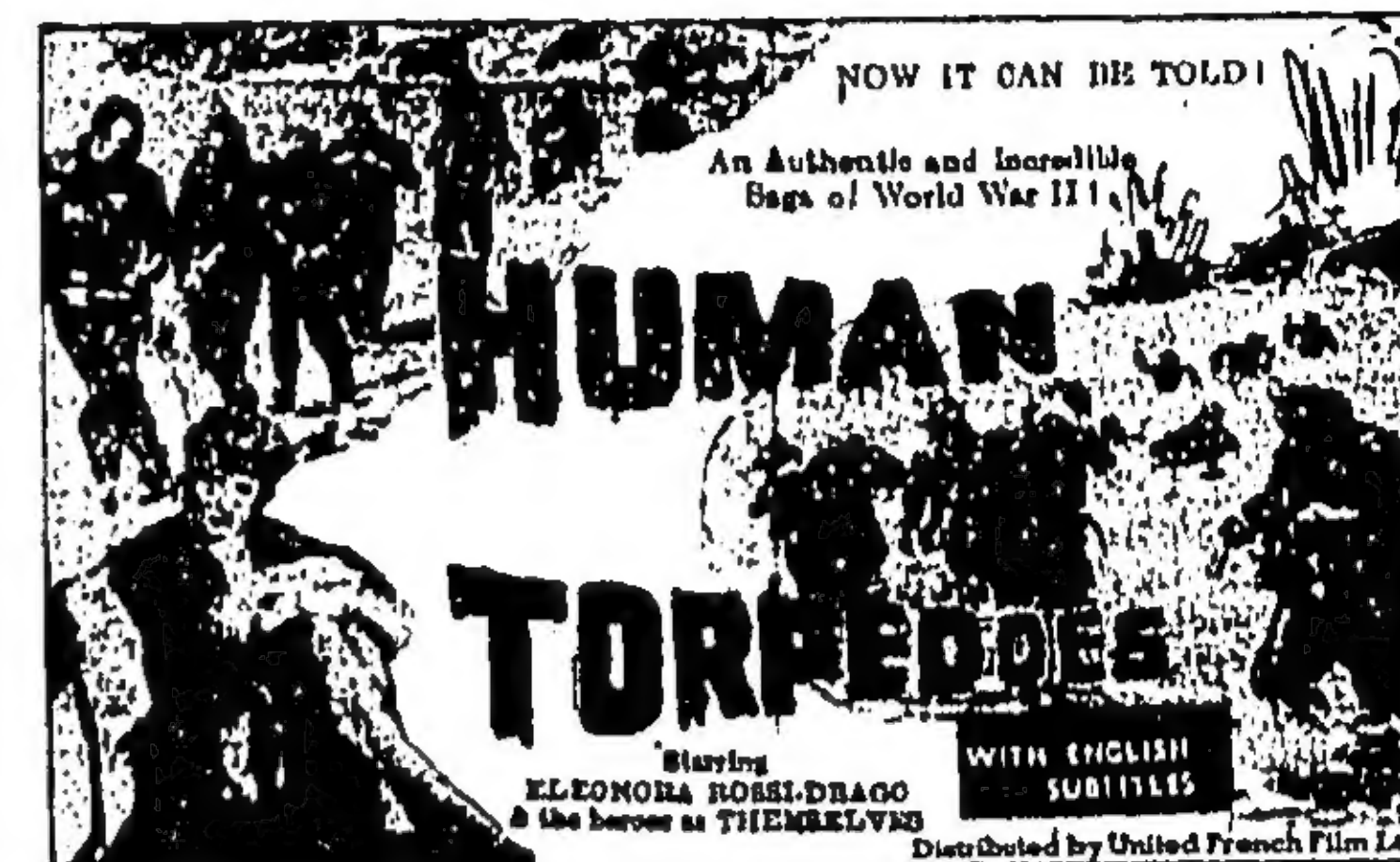
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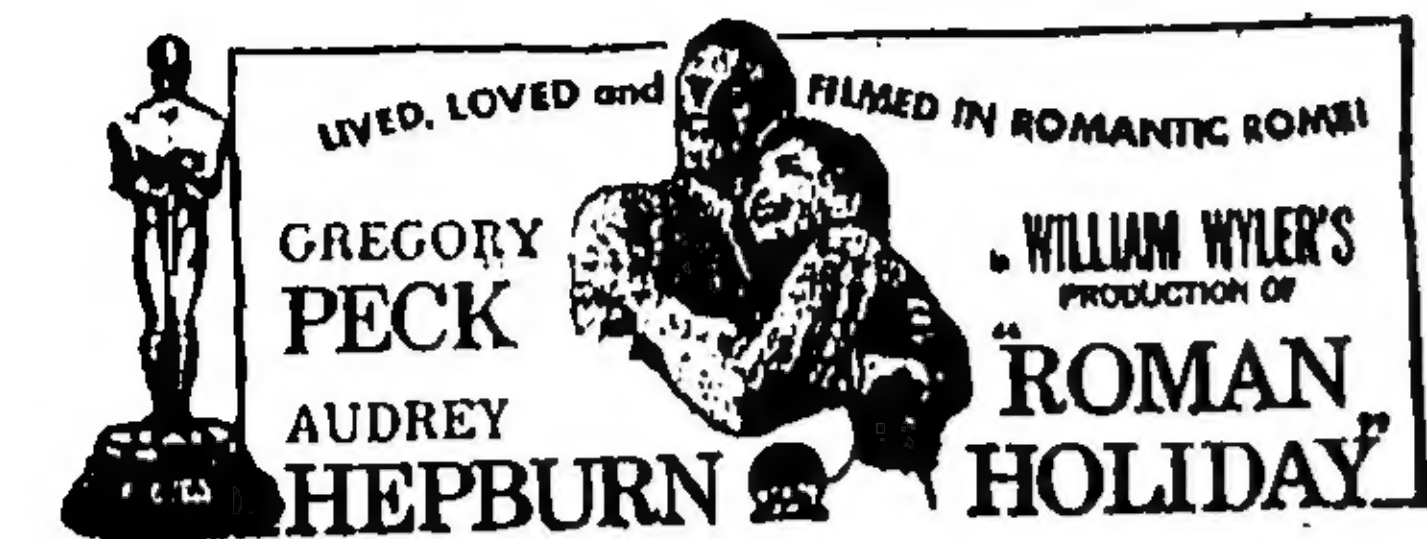
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Why Was Soviet Ballet Cancelled?

Paris, May 10.

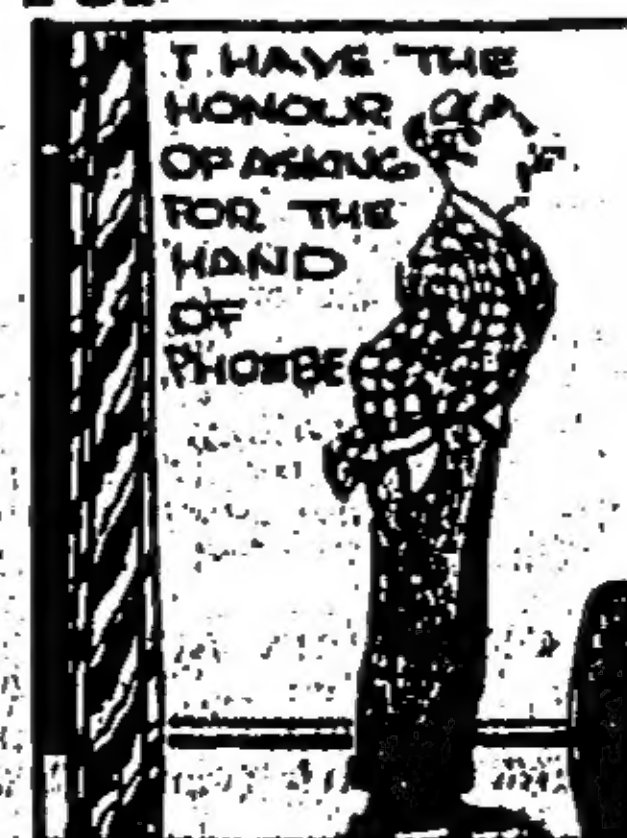
Foreign Ministry and Interior Ministry sources tonight declined to say what reasons the French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, gave to the Soviet Ambassador, M. Pavel Vinogradov, this morning when he told him that the performances of the visiting Soviet ballet company were called off indefinitely.

It was understood, however, that the Ministry of the Interior had received information that anti-Soviet demonstrations would take place inside the opera house, where the Soviet dancers were to have given their first performance tonight.

Preparations for the visit of the Soviet dancers, who arrived here last week with the famed ballerina Galina Ulanova, had been made long in advance, and were arranged as a counterpart to the visit of the actors of the Comedie Francaise in Moscow last month.

The initial performance was to have taken place last Saturday, but this was cancelled when all the French theatres closed down because of the fall of Dien Bien Phu.—France Press.

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NEW ANTI-COMMUNIST MOVES IN AMERICA

Earthquake's Destruction

Radio Auction Raises Money For The Abbey

Sydney, May 10. Maundy coins, a set of shark's teeth, an ashtray from New South Wales Royal train and a set of miniature shoes were among items sold in a radio auction to raise funds for the Westminster Abbey Restoration Fund. During the auction, believed to be the first of its kind in New South Wales, 720 telephone calls were received at the studio. A Canadian, Mr. R. Wilson, paid 35 guineas sterling for the ashtray, a set of four Maundy coins whose face value is tenpence fetched £50 sterling, and the set of shoes used by racehorse Blue Overan when he won the Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Randwick brought 10 guineas sterling. Sixty squares of red carpet used at the Royal State banquet went for between one and two guineas sterling. The "squares" were the size of a handkerchief. Profits totalled about £1,000 sterling.—China Mail Special

Soviet Threat To US Atomic Plan

Washington, May 10. United States officials said today Russia had repeated previous demands that President Eisenhower's "atoms-for-peace plan" be linked with unconditional prohibition of nuclear weapons by the Great Powers.

These demands, they said, indicated little progress was being made in negotiations on the plan. But one official said, "we don't regard this as a final turn-down."

A report from Geneva in the New York Times today said the Soviet position practically doomed the President's proposal. The White House said in connection with the Times story that the latest Soviet message on the atom plan was still being studied by the United States government.

The Press Secretary of the White House, Mr. James C. Hagerty, recalled a joint statement issued by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr. V. Molotov, that this statement was made at Geneva on May 1 in which Mr. Dulles and Mr. Molotov said that a Soviet reply to the Eisenhower proposal would be considered by the United States Government in Washington.

Brownell's Proposed Action Against Unions And Firms

Washington, May 10. The Attorney General, Mr. Herbert Brownell, Jr., asked Congress today to let the Government "kill off" any Communist-dominated business firm or labour union "in a position to affect adversely the national defence or security of the United States."

He also asked for a law to bar subversives from strategic factories engaged chiefly in civilian production.

Mr. Brownell's request for the drastic new anti-subversive laws was contained in letters to Vice-President Richard Nixon and the House Speaker, Representative Joseph Martin.

He said the National Security Council, the nation's highest policy body, had found that subversives "in defence industries constitute a definite peril to national security."

Senator Homer Ferguson promptly introduced both bills in the Senate. He said they were needed to "close two loopholes which now enable subversives to undermine the safety and security of the United States."

The measures are aimed at carrying out the Attorney General's recent proposals for the Administration to take the lead in seeking out Communists and subversives. The request went to Congress less than 24 hours after the announcement of a new "security" division within the Justice Department to track down spies and subversives.

One proposal would built on and sharply toughen the McCarran anti-subversive law passed by Congress over former President Truman's veto in 1950. It would define a new type of Communist organisation—other business firm or labour union called a "Communist-infiltrated organisation."

Under the proposed law, Mr. Brownell could compel hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board to determine whether such a business or labour union was Communist-dominated. If the Board found this to be the case, the Board could issue "further detailed orders" to liquidate the organisation and its component parts.

In the case of labour unions, no employer would be required

to bargain with a union found to be "Communist-infiltrated" and any such union shop provisions in its contracts would be "nullified."

Firms or unions found to be "Communist-infiltrated" would be barred from access to the National Labor Relations Board. No employer, however, could discriminate against an individual employee solely because he remained a member of such a union, unless the worker tried to compel the employer to recognise the union.

IN TIME OF WAR

Mr. Brownell's proposals did not indicate which firms or unions might be included. He formed officials said in time of war it might cover almost every type of business activity in the nation.

The Subversive Activities Control Board in weighing a Communist-controlled business firm, would be instructed to take into consideration the rights of stockholders. As is now the case, the Board's decisions are subject to appeal in courts.

Mr. Brownell said the measure "would impose substantial liabilities on any organisation determined to be Communist-infiltrated, by final order of the Board."

Mr. Brownell's second proposed measure would let the Government bar subversives from strategic civilian-goods factories. In addition to present power to keep such persons from defence plants.—United Press

American PoW Writes From China

Letter From Ti Yuan

Alden, Minnesota, May 10.

Private Richard Tennessee, 20, one of the Allied PoWs in Korea who chose to stay with the Communists, has written to his mother, Mrs. Portia Howe, about life in Communist China.

Mrs. Howe said she had received the letter on Saturday and that it was postmarked Ti Yuan, China. The postmark on the letter was March 28.

Although she said she would not want the contents of the letter published, Mrs. Howe indicated that the three-page letter was taken up with details of his life in China under the Communists.

She said that he wrote that he was well and happy and was taking a rest before going to work. He did not indicate what the work was or what he had been doing since he elected to stay with the Communists along with the other American PoWs.

Tennessee did not mention anything about the other Americans. Mrs. Howe, who had made a trip to Tokyo in a futile attempt to persuade her son to return home, said that in the letter he gave no indication that he was home sick, but he did mention that he would be happy when Summer came so that he could get ice cream.

He said that the Chinese only had ice cream in the Summer.

Mrs. Howe was not allowed to visit her son in the Red prisoner of war exchange camp after flying to Korea. She received a cold letter from her son in which he told her he had no intention of returning home.

The only other message she received was a telegram of greeting on New Year's Day—United Press



More pictures of the recent Greek earthquake: This one, above, was taken in the village of Sophades the worst stricken of the villages affected. The picture on the left was also taken in the village of Sophades. Still suffering from shock, her head bandaged this person presents a typical picture as she stands surrounded by debris.—Express Photo.



They Gave Them Nuts And Played For Half An Hour

Charles And Anne Make Friends With Gib's 40 Apes

Gibraltar, May 10. Prince Charles and Princess Anne had the most exciting experience of their homeward journey today when they spent nearly half an hour playing with the apes on the rock of Gibraltar.

Armed each with a handful of peanuts the Royal children happily ran from one ape to another feeding these friendly members of the Gibraltar garrison.

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Meanwhile the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh carried out their three-hour official programme.

Although some of the apes sometimes snatched for the nuts, Princess Anne was quite fearless. Prince Charles was about to put a peanut into a bawling paw of one of the larger apes when he noticed a flaw and exclaimed "Ooh, that one has got a crack in it!" and promptly selected a better nut.

The apes, which are to be seen by the Queen and the Duke tomorrow, total about 40 on the rock.

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Millionaire's Yacht Will Carry A Plane

London. The Greek millionaire shipowner, Mr. A. S. Onassis, owner of some of the largest oil tankers, is building what is believed will be the most luxurious yacht afloat.

A former Canadian frigate is being converted for Mr. Onassis into a yacht at a German shipyard. The vessel will be renamed Christina.

The yacht will have a speed of 18 knots. Apart from the owner's private suite, she will have accommodation for 15 passengers.

There will be a complete surgery on board. On the after-deck there will be an amphibious aircraft, a fast launch and a sailing boat, as well as the usual life-saving appliances.

Mr. Onassis is already building a fleet of tankers in German yards. He will provide a fleet of 25 tankers, totalling 500,000 tons. Nearly £100 million will be spent on this fleet.

Mr. Onassis started in the shipping business with a second-hand Canadian cargo ship which he bought in 1931.—(London Express Service).

Beware Of TV Teeth

London. Dentists warn parents today to beware of "TV teeth."

Says a report by the British Dental Association: "Watch your children while they are watching TV."

"Do they sit with their heads held between their hands, pressing either side against their jaws? Such seemingly harmless habits may actually endanger the teeth, and if persisted in may do permanent harm."

"During the first 10 years of life the teeth will move readily from their normal position under quite slight pressure. The irregularities so caused can lead to decay, disfigurement and the loss of teeth."—(London Express Service).

What Two American Senators Think Of Mr Dulles

Washington, May 10. Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat, Tennessee), said in the Senate today United States leadership was "now at the lowest point since the day the United States entered World War II."

He added: "The conference at Geneva was a failure before it started. The reason for that failure lies very largely in this body, in the Senate of the United States."

"We sent to Geneva a Secretary of State (Mr. John Foster Dulles) with his hand tied behind his back without the power to negotiate freely for the simple and fragile reason that he did not have the full confidence and support of members of his own party (the Republican Party), in the Senate of the United States."

Senator Kefauver, former prospective Democratic candidate for the Presidency, said the likely results of the Geneva conference would be no acceptable peace in Korea and a possible permanent foothold in Indo-China for the Communists "while we look on helplessly."

He said the "most consistent and effective support of the foreign policy of the United States, where it has been wise, has come from the Democrats. Yet we have been little consulted. Our party and its leaders have been reviled."

Senator Ralph Flanders (Republican, Vermont), told the Senate that United States foreign policy continued to be "perilous and cloudy," and cautioned against too much reliance on United States military power.

He said the war in Indo-China was simply another part "of a programme of world conquest which has been publicly announced time after time by the leaders of the Soviet Government."

FOLLOW DULLES TO WAR

If the United States failed to stop the advance of international Communism "we will be surrounded by an Iron Curtain not of our own making by a Communist Asia, Africa, Latin America and, ultimately, Europe."

Senator Wayne Morse (Independent, Oregon), making another of his attacks on the Eisenhower Administration's policy in Southeast Asia, said that to follow the lead of Mr. Dulles, would be to follow "the administration into war in Asia."

Mr. Dulles had "demonstrated time and again that he follows the point of view of those who would lead us into war," he added.

Senator Morse said Mr. Dulles had made one mistake after another in his Asian policy—"the latest was the fiasco at Geneva."

The United States should never intervene militarily in Indo-China except through the United Nations and through a well co-ordinated policy worked out with its allies, he added.

The West must "sell" South-east Asia Democracy by "meeting the economic needs" of the area.—Reuter.

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18 Guardian (7).
20 Spoken (4).
21 Takes ill (7).
23 Milk preparation (6).
27 Stubborn (6).
28 Striking black (5).
29 Mental jog (6).

DOWN
1 Deluge (5).
2 Blind (5).
3 Utter confusion (5).
4 Nicely made (4).
5 Brigand (6).
6 Shelves (6).
9 Quake (6).
11 Repeat (5).
12 Sum (5).
14 Straightforward (6).
15 Indian coin (5).
16 Denominations (6).
18 Hue (6).
19 Haphazard (6).
22 Slip (5).
23 Pluck (5).
24 Disposes of (5).
25 Golf-club (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Spread, 5 Astir, 8 Cease, 9 Assail, 10 Pounce, 11 Denim, 12 Doom, 13 Rupee, 15 Repeat, 16 Erased, 20 Doses, 22 Firm, 23 Scalp, 25 Vista, 26 Elapse, 27 Ellis, 28 Docks, 29 Saddle, Down: 1 Standard, 2 Restorer, 3 Acid, 4 Deplete, 5 Aspirin, 6 Scaman, 7 Issue, 14 Stripped, 15 Stampede, 16 Rascals, 17 Fellows, 19 Reeled, 21 Opine, 24 Flee.

IT'S CAFE SOCIETY

London.
I HEARD Lord Porchester say to Princess Margaret: "The trouble with the Agricultural Wages Act..."

Mr Danny Ruge (remember him?) is coming to London—fifth time round—in a fortnight's time. Mr Noel Coward has just got back. A party is being arranged in their honour. Invitations have just been sent to, among others, the Marchioness of Dufferin and Barradoch, Lord and Lady Norwich, Earl and Countess, Mr Terence Rattigan, Mr David Metcalfe, Sir Laurence and Lady Olivier, Sir Laurence and Lady Olivier, and the Earl and Countess, of course....

How is it that I know what a royal lady and her noble escort talk about when the music's sweet and the lights are low?

How is it that a host of men and women of distinction—titled or talented or both—will rush to cry welcome to an American entertainer?

THOSE WHO

Cafe society, in case you are puzzled by that oft-used term of reference, means exactly what it implies: the people who frequent the cafes, cafes, always with the accepted, covering night and supper clubs, restaurants, bars, or any smallish enclosed space that stays open late and charges enough (if just to go in, in some places) to keep the masses away.

Its original founder-member of the British branch was the Duke of Windsor who brought it here from the States.

He moved from the big hotel ballrooms, where he had hitherto spent most of his night-out, into the matter and murmur atmosphere of the small clubs and restaurants.

With him went his regular table companions and followers—the Mountbattens, the Duff

EVE PERRICK charts the social whirl of the night life in the London West End upper brackets

Coopers, Lady Emerald Cunard, and the American-born Thelma, Lady Furness.

Naturally, it was not long, and still sticking to the American way of life, before the aristocrats were sharing tables with the artists.

One stage further, and parties were being given in the Moun-battens' Park Lane penthouse in honour of film stars, like Douglas Fairbanks 1.

(Several stages and many years later, Doug II reciprocated by inviting the Queen to his house.)

Cafe society was off to a good start. And there has never been any time since it began when it has not had royal patronage.

FAVoured SPOT

After the Abdication the late Duke of Kent who, among the brother Princes, had always shared the Duke of Windsor's tastes and interests, took over from him. With Kent came his lovely wife, the gay Grecian princess.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were there on the night in 1935 that the "400" club opened. The Duchess still goes there, and it was to that favoured spot she introduced the two Princesses during the early post-war years.

Now the sons and daughters of the old "Prince of Wales" go along there with the Princess, and are known as the Margaret set.

That is the success story of society from the King's son to the Queen's sister.

Not bad for something that began in the speakeasies of New York during Prohibition.

And this is now it all began.

Long, long ago an American arbiter on social usage and etiquette selected just 400 names as being the only people worthy to attend the annual ball given by Mrs William Astor, widow of the grandson of the first John Jacob. (The present John Jacob Astor and his wife Chiquita are among London's most-seen-around cafe socialites.)

BREAKAWAY

But the New York Social Register contained 40,000 names. Perhaps the excommunicated 39,600 decided to put on a counter-attraction. Or maybe Mrs Astor's parties were boring.

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Some cafe society salons, like the Kit-Kat, which never did survive a raid at which the then Home Secretary, Joynson-Hicks, was among those involved, had the briefest of heydays.

Others—the peach salita, ice-cream-gateau-cavern, the Cafe de Paris; the gold-silk, dim and discreet "400" (all, incidentally, fully fire-proofed)—live on as smart-to-be-seen-at places. Places where a wisely spent £5 a head (if you pick the right night) will buy you a ringside seat at the West End's brightest and longest-running show.

MOTLEY CAST

Look at the cast! A motley group of aristocrats, actors, and artists; barons and bankers and brewers; counts and cameramen and characters; dukes and dress-makers and dumb-blondes.

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TOMORROW:
Who Goes Where?



DIPLOMATIC COURTESY AT GENEVA

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DILEMMA in duplicate

Two forgotten plans hold the key to today's news-problem

I do not know whether he had a share in this plan for the truncation of France. But it is made up to date enough, anyway, by the presence in the highest German Cabinet position of Stuckart's party colleagues.

Document No. 2 is a French memorandum which I brought back with me from Harol last year. It shows up what the French claim to have

been the important role played by the Americans in building up the power of Communists leader Ho Chi-minh in 1945 after the Japanese surrender.

The indictment is twofold. 1. WHILE the British who re-

occupied the southern half of Indo-China hastened to transfer its administration to the French—with the result that southern Indo-China is today comparatively free from the Communists—the Americans controlling the northern half handed it over to the Chinese of General Chiang Kai-shek.

In so doing, the Americans were actuated, the French claim, by anti-Communist, anti-colonial prejudice against them.

2. AT the same time the American secret service organisation O.S.S. (Office of Strategic Services) supplied Ho Chi-minh's Communist organisation (which then masqueraded as Nationalist) with funds and arms in return for intelligence.

Ironie reading this for a Frenchman. Illuminating for you and me. For today the roles are reversed. It is the Americans who want the French to hang on in Indo-China.

French reluctance, however, is understandable. Important sections of the French out in Indo-China, I found when I was there last year, have spent

the last few years getting much of their assets out of that country.

For French interest in Indo-China, these people maintain, is now a matter of prestige, not money.

In Paris at the same time policy-makers are averse to the implications of the American plan that while Germany is being rearmament in Europe France should battle on in Indo-China.

"This," they argue, "means that our army is deprived of its best instructors and that we must inevitably become inferior militarily to the rearmament Germans in Europe."

And they do not trust these Germans, among whom the friends of annexationist Stuckart are once more getting on top.

Yes, I am very glad my wife came to rediscover those two documents.

(London Express Service)

STEN GUNS IN GENEVA

From Ernest Ashwick

I TOOK a quiet morning ride through the "Communist enclave" on the outskirts of Geneva just to see how Mr Molotov, in his £300 a month villa, and Mr Chou En-lai, in his £250 a month villa, were spending the hours between talks on Indo-China and Korea.

It was a bright sunny morning and the bells of the tiny church at Genéthod—one hundred yards from Mr Molotov's bedroom window—were chiming out in competition with the birds.

And somehow the beautiful, quaint old-fashioned Genéthod village did not look the same. The first shadow was at the level crossing leading up the hill to the village.

Two Swiss soldiers, tin-

hatted and Sten-gunned, were guarding the crossing. A hundred yards further on I hit the barrage. Swiss military guards, mobile transmitters, machine-guns and what-have-you were there.

Passes were asked for. I have one, but Swiss citizens on their morning walks to the local never turned back. Never, even in the very height of the war, has the peaceful Swiss seen so much display of arms.

In the villa that marks the boundary of Molotov's park there is no sign of any friendly neighbourliness. The two families there, one French and one British, are practically in an armed camp. Troops are billeted on the lawn, and in the cellars. Every two minutes a two-man armed guard tours the garden. If the innocent residents come home late at night, Swiss soldiers jump out of bushes and shout half in a guttural Swiss-German accent.

And beware if they do not obey. The officer in charge has warned them that after the third command the soldiers have been ordered to shoot to kill.

NO FLAG

Molotov will not have the Swiss in his garden, so they have to guard him from other people's properties.

No Russian flag is flying from his villa's flagpole, and in the grounds brown-suited, heavy-booted armed Russians constantly wander around.

For despite the Swiss efforts, the Russians are taking no chances. At Chou En-lai's villa, a mile away, the situation is the same, but the Chinese Communist flag is waving in the wind.

Machine-gun posts all around the grounds cover every inch of the territory.

There is little contact between the Russians and Chinese outside the official talks. Although nine tons of foodstuffs, including caviar and vodka, have been brought in by air from Moscow for the Russians, they are not sharing it with Mr Chou En-lai. He had to send a group of his men and two lorries to Geneva to buy foodstuffs from the best and most expensive shops. The bill in one shop was £250.

The 200-strong Russian delegation at the Hotel Metropole are proving to be big buyers of other things too.

WANTED-NYLONS

They have ordered thousands of pairs of nylon stockings, and some watch shops in the centre of Geneva have sold practically all their stock to them and the Chinese.

But some Russians have expressed disapproval of Western drinks.

At one cafe four of them ordered the strongest Swiss liquor, emptied their glasses, then threw them down in disgust. The stuff was water, they said, and they refused to pay.

Nevertheless, night clubs are doing a roaring trade. But the Swiss, after the first few days of the excitement, are now asking: "When will it end?"

MY wife wanted me to burn the lot. "Get rid of this old rubbish," she said, pointing at a box full of papers. "You never look at them. They only pick up the dust."

But I did not burn them. Instead, I looked over the papers. And that is how I have come to rediscover two forgotten documents which, dusty and grimy though they are, nevertheless are of the most up-to-the-minute relevance.

For each in its own way does more to light up the French dilemma over German rearmament and the war in Indo-China than the most eloquent speech by M. Bidault or General de Gaulle.

DOCUMENT NO. 1 is a souvenir I picked up back in 1946 from among the rubble that had been Hitler's Chancellery in Berlin. It is a 39-page typed memorandum for the Fuehrer.

Its title: "The Frontier between Germany and France."

Its author: W. Stuckart, Secretary of State in Hitler's Ministry of the Interior. Stuckart has signed my copy of the memorandum in his own hand and added the date it was delivered—14th June 1940—nine days before France capitulated.

'Injustice'

WHAT the memorandum proposes is the annexation by Germany of the entire French territory running from the Channel coast down to the Swiss frontier and comprising, as Stuckart points out himself: "Economically the most important and valuable part of France."

The territory includes Dunkirk, Lille, Cambrai and Valenciennes, Calais, Boulogne and Arras, Charleville and Sedan, and Verdun, and about 7,000,000 people live there.

Says the memorandum: "It may be said that the new

frontier... If combined with a suitable settlement and population policy, is designed to put an end to the thousand-year struggle for the Rhine, in favour of the German people.

"It is an atonement for the injustice done a hundred-fold by France to Germany with its unjustifiable attempt during the last 1,000 years to extend its realm to the Rhine."

Now, no doubt, some of the British propagandists of German rearmament will call this "old, out-of-date stuff, with no relevance to the new Germany of Dr Adenauer."

I doubt whether a Frenchman would agree with them. I certainly do not. For the significant thing about this annexation plan is the personality of its author.

Significant

THIS Wilhelm Stuckart is the same Wilhelm Stuckart who, until his death in a motor smash six months ago, was vice-president of the Refugees' Party.

And that is a position that put him right in the centre of Dr Adenauer's policy-making group.

For the "Refugees' Party" is one of the parties making up the Adenauer coalition. It is represented by three Ministers in Adenauer's Cabinet, all three former Nazi high-ups and protagonists of the Greater Germany.

Equally significant is Stuckart's intimate association with Dr Hans Globke, who as State Secretary in Adenauer's Chancellery is the most influential, behind-the-scenes figure in present-day Germany.

Dr Globke was Stuckart's deputy in the old Nazi Ministry. As he told me himself, when I called on him in Bonn recently, he was co-author with Stuckart of many important memoranda—among others the famous commentary on the Nuremberg laws against the Jews.

SEFTON DELMER'S Newsmap...



A Hitler grab-plan turns up in a dusty file to illumine the problem France faces today. The heavily shaded area of the map shows the part of France that, it was proposed, the Germans should annex.

RENE MacCOLL Meets A No-Nonsense Star With That Champagne Feeling

LILLI WILL TREAD THE GRAPES IN NYLONS

London.
WHEN I telephoned Lilli Palmer (Mrs Rex Harrison) to ask for an interview, there was a considerable edge to her voice.

"You wish to talk to my husband—or me?" she queried, oncoming as a stream of broken glass.

"You, of course," I rejoined, and I meant it—because I prefer interviewing pretty women to men, however handsome. (Why is this? I don't know.)

There ensued slight thaw, and anyway that evening there I was, in a perfectly huge, flower-bedecked apartment on the edge of Berkeley Square, clutching a gin and tonic and gazing intently at this woman.

She is extremely chic, intelligent, sophisticated, as well as being attractive as an afterthought. She had on a dark blue coat-and-skirt job (the skirt pleated) and a light mauve jersey.

The familiar mass of off-mahogany hair was piled up just so, and underneath was this

lovely face—its shape is so good—with the shadows round the jaw-bone, and the big dark eyes and what have you. I was entranced.

I said the first thing that came into my mind. This gambit is frequently disastrous, but this time it paid off.

I said: "I saw you and your husband in the very amusing 'Bell, Book, and Candle' in New York in 1951. You are going to put it on in London this autumn, I hear—but what will you do about the cat?"

Point is that a Siamese cat plays a prominent role in the play. It has to mow at exactly the right moments, and everyone on Broadway thought that it was given a surreptitious pinch.

"No," said Miss Palmer. "It does not need the pinch. It talks because it feels like it."

And suddenly I realised a certain kinship. Miss Palmer and the Siamese cat. Both beautiful to look upon. Both reluctant without being pinched. Both disadvised but not unmindful of attention.

We were chaperoned, Miss Palmer and I and my gin and tonic, chaperoned by Carey, the

10-year-old son of Miss P. and Mr Rex H. There he was, the split and image of his father, kneeling on the drawing-room floor, playing a game of elaborately miniature cricket.

Since he has just come from New York, and is destined eventually for Eton, he has, of course, to know about cricket. So he is learning it the hard way. In miniature.

I took the bold course and told Miss Palmer that I thought she had sounded on the telephone like a woman with a temper.

What about it?

Miss Palmer's lovely eyes darkened, like clouds as the storm shows up. "Yes, I have a temper," she said (not admitting it but insisting on it). "Also I am famous for saying the wrong thing. I say exactly what comes into my mind. For better or for worse. Take it or leave it."

"I am terribly, terribly impatient, listen. I cannot suffer fools gladly. Oh, how I wish that phrase could be translated into German. It could only be English which could produce such a phrase." Anyone who is

efficient and intelligent is apt to be viewed only with suspicion in England. In England, they not only suffer fools gladly—they worship them!"

Though I rolled with the punch I queried her again about the temper. She explained that it was probably inherited. Her father was a famous German surgeon who, when something went amiss during an operation, was wont to hurl a handy scalpel through a closed window.

Oh, but when I lose my temper I am so miserable afterwards. I reproach myself so much—and then lose it again. You think I don't like women? Ah, but you are wrong! I have many women friends—genuine ones."

Miss Palmer, who made up her mind that she wanted to be an actress at the age of five, was born in East Prussia. And as a Prussian she likes discipline. "And discipline," she says, "is no nonsense for her."

She is accordingly more than a trifle impatient over the shortcomings of life in easy going Britain. The charwomen? Ask them to come and they do not arrive. The window-

cleaners? "They have let me down. Disgraceful!"

But when she is not busy being Prussian the charm flows over her like a halo. And she possesses the sort of cultured background which is pleasant contrast to a good many of her stage contemporaries.

She likes to reel off the dates of the principal battles in the Punic Wars ("I love to read history"). And with gloe she showed me the reproduction of a portrait she had painted which, it was clear, contained in its technique all of the inexorable honesty which Miss P. insists on conversationally.

For all of her severity I liked her very much. It was fun when she talked. Of the house in Portofino, Italy, which she and Rex Harrison have built. They have a vineyard, she said, and this summer there will be a wine harvest.

"Imagine me treading the grapes in my nylon stockings. What a violation!" But still she reminds me of a Siamese cat. The Siamese is beautiful, but firm. It is the most temperamental of cats. It is apt to be highly original. Although it uses a language all its own, you are never left in the slightest doubt about the way it feels.

They have ordered thousands of pairs of nylon stockings, and some watch shops in the centre of Geneva have sold practically all their stock to them and the Chinese.

PAKISTAN WELL ON WAY TO VICTORY IN OPENING GAME OF ENGLISH TOUR

Worcester, May 10.

Pakistan's touring cricketers are on the way to a victory in their first match against a county side here, for they forced Worcestershire to follow on 210 runs behind today, and the county with all wickets in hand will need 198 runs on the final day to save an innings defeat.

Already the Pakistan bowling has shown that it may worry the best of batsmen before the tour has run its course. None more so than Fazal Mahmood, whose four for 54 in 26 overs so early in the season was a sound performance.

Khalid Hassan, 16-year-old leg break bowler, too, did well and not until Grove took three wickets in his final over did Khalid's bowling really suffer. He completely deceived and bowled Peter Richardson, Worcestershire's 22-year-old left handed amateur, who scored 81 and appeared set for a century.

It had taken Worcestershire's bowlers nearly an hour to get rid of the first 100 runs. Pakistan came early in the day. Fazal Mahmood bowled last out for an admirable 67 while Khalid stayed 40 minutes to see the last wicket put on 41 runs.

It is Pakistan who will be the first touring side to succeed on the Worcester ground since New Zealand did so five years ago.

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Then Pakistan took control by sound bowling and keen fielding. Mahmood Hassan and Ehlis commanded respect and

only 11 were added in 25 minutes. Richardson completed 50 out of 81 in 100 minutes.

The quality of the bowling was shown by Dewar taking 35 minutes to score six and then he lost patience, tried to punish Richardson and was caught by Hanif at long off with a nicely judged catch.

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REFUSES £1,000



A new picture of the Welsh flyweight, Duff Dower, hailed as Britain's likeliest world-beater.

He recently turned down an offer of a thousand pounds to meet Eric Marsden, on the advice of manager Nat Seller, and will now be seen in action at the Empress Hall on May 11 when he meets the Dutch flyweight and bantamweight champion, Henk van der Zee.

Lancashire And Notts Score First Clear Wins Of Season

London, May 10.

Lancashire and Nottinghamshire had the distinction of being first to gain two-day victories in the new county season which continued in bright sunshine today.

Somerset's "new look" side showed complete inability to play the leg breaks of Australian Bruce Dooland at Trent Bridge and were beaten by Nottinghamshire by an innings and 180 runs.

At one time Dooland with his spin bowling had taken three wickets in eight overs for three runs. He finished with five for 49 in Somerset's first innings and five for 40 in their second. This gave him a match analysis of 10 for 89.

Yarrowd Saeed, the Pakistan player was one of the few Somerset men to hit out with any confidence.

At the Oval the focus was on two Dooland-Tom, the first professional captain of Warwickshire and Keith, the Queenslander. They put up a splendid 111 wicket stand of 74 in an hour.

Tom Dooland carried his side's batting against the all-round bowling power of Surrey, the county champions. Keith gave him such support in their stand that Surrey, who earlier must have thought their 224 total sufficient, had to think again.

Warwickshire gained a first innings lead of 27, which Surrey wiped out before the close.

1,000TH WICKET
Johnny Wardle, Yorkshire and England, left arm spin bowler, took his 1,000th wicket in first class cricket today when he dismissed Arthur Milto, of Gloucestershire at Bristol. He made his debut in first class cricket in 1946.

Bill Edrich and Denis Compton, England and Test players, put Middlesex in a strong position against Hampshire at Lords.

Compton claimed five Hampshire first innings wickets for a mere 19 runs and followed up in the Middlesex second innings with 64 runs.

Bill Edrich batted brightly for two and three quarter hours for a total of 103 which included 13 fours.

Middlesex, with three second innings wickets left, lead Hampshire by 165 runs.

At Old Trafford, Cyril Washbrook, former England opening batsman, hit 18 fours against Glamorgan. Not out for 85 on Saturday he went on to build up 110 today.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES
The following were the close of play scores of first class cricket matches played today:

At Manchester: Lancashire beat Glamorgan by an innings and 57 runs. Glamorgan 81 and 173 (Jones 58, Statham four for 38). Lancashire 311 (Tom Dooland five for 40).

At the Oval: Surrey 224 and 76 for three. Warwickshire 251 (Tom Dooland not out 74).

At Bristol: Yorkshire 281 and 90 for four. Gloucestershire 234 (Graveney 78).

At Cambridge: Cambridge University 288 for seven declared and nine for two. Essex 239 (Green Smith not out 61).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 380 for three declared and 114 for four. Sussex 240 (Duggan 111, Parks 61).

At Oxford: Kent 207 and 141 for five (Phipps 78). Oxford University 234 (Cowdery 112, Dillist 59).

At Derby: Leicestershire 184 and 166 for three (Tompkins not out 80). Derbyshire 248 (Willitt 66, Spencer six for 63).

Malaya's Chances To Retain Thomas Cup As Bright As Ever Says Their Captain

By ARGONAUT

"Malaya's chances of retaining the Thomas Cup, emblem of world badminton supremacy, for the third time in succession, are as bright as ever," said Mr Lim Chuan-geok before he left Hongkong for Singapore yesterday after four days' stay here.

Mr Lim, who led the Malayan team to their first triumph in England in 1948, and who again acted as non-playing captain when Malaya retained the trophy in 1952 was on his way back to Singapore after a brief stay in England and after accompanying the Malayan players Ong Poh-lim and Ooi Teik-hock on their world tour as far as Honolulu.

"Malaya has always been supreme in the doubles," remarked Mr Lim "and in Ooi Teik-hock and Ong Poh-lim and in the Choong brothers David and Eddie, Malaya has the two most outstanding combinations in the world today, who can assure Malaya of four wins."

The former Malayan captain was a little reluctant to comment on the singles prospects on the ground that he was not as yet sure of the situation as he had just only heard of the reinstatement of Wong Peng-soon and the other three players who recently toured Formosa.

However, in Eddie Choong, who he pointed out now holds the record of having won the greatest number of International Championships than any other player in the games history, Malaya will have an outstanding singles representative with experience, match temperament and an enviable record.

Mr Lim thinks that it is extremely likely that America, India, Denmark and New Zealand will be the four zone finalists who will contest the semi-finals in Malaya in May, 1955.

America will again depend on Dick Mitchell and Joe Alston in the singles and Carl Loveday and Mitchell and Alston and Bob Williams in the doubles. Martin Mendez has not been active since the last Thomas Cup match and Dave Freeman is still doubtful about playing.

STRONG TEMPTATION
A strong temptation, however, will be offered Freeman when America plays Canada in the America zone as the match has been fixed at Freeman's home-town, San Diego.

It is interesting to note that Mr Lim, who has seen probably all the world's best players in action thinks Wong Peng-soon is the greatest stroke-stylist in the world today. Ooi Teik-hock the greatest match-winner, but Freeman the greatest player of them all, who embodies all the qualities of a truly great player and plays the game that his opponent does not like.

Mr Lim gave it as his opinion that Denmark will be the dark-horse of this Thomas Cup series. They are according to him the most improved nation since the last Thomas Cup and have at present the greatest number of most promising youngsters in the game.

His Thomas Cup team will probably consist of players between 18 and 22 years of age and especially prominent among them is his opinion 18-year-old Tim Kober. "He has all the strokes of a champion and is exceptionally well-built," said Mr Lim, "and under proper coaching he looks as the most likely successor to the great Freeman."

With Jeff Robson in their ranks, New Zealand he thinks, should have little difficulty in beating Australia in the Australia zone. Robson, who is undoubtedly also a New Zealand Davis Cup representative has, he said, improved tremendously since he went to England and Europe and had the distinction of extending Eddie Choong to three close sets in one County final.

DID NOT IMPRESS
The Indian players did not impress him in England, but both Seth and Nataraj played a much better game in the American Open Championships at Niagara Falls where the weather was a little warmer.

With the tremendous improvement that they have been reported to make during the last year, he thinks that Thailand are well capable of upsetting the Indians, who however will have slight edge in experience.

Mr Lim lauds Hongkong's participation in the Thomas Cup competition and remarked that the large increase of participating nations in this series has been the brightest highlight of the competition.

He was not able to gauge Japan's standard as he was there only for two days and did not see any of them in action, but strongly advised that Hongkong should start training for players as early as possible. As a start he said they could have regular practices twice a week and these could be gradually increased as the time approaches for the match.

Asked about the comparative standard of women players in the different countries, he said that the European ladies are well ahead of the Asians, as they can hit tremendously hard from base to base, which very few Asiatic players can do.

Judy Devlin is in his opinion undoubtedly the best lady player in the world today. Her triumph in the All-England championship was a well-deserved one as in the final she overcame no less worthy an opponent than former champion Mrs Jacobsen of Denmark.

NO TROUBLE SAY
ONG AND OOI
Singapore, May 10.
Malaya will have no trouble in retaining the world badminton championship at next year's Thomas Cup play-offs, two returning Malayan athletes confidently predicted today.

Thomas Cup stars Ooi Teik-hock and Ong Poh-lim, just back from Sydney, said that Malaya could safely pin her hopes on champions Eddie and David Choong to lead the Cup defenders to victory.

Eddie Choong, holder of the all-England singles badminton title for the past two years, recently went on to win the United States national championship. He and his brother David are expected to return to Malaya early next year in time to represent their country in the international play-offs.

Ong Poh-lim said he believed that competition in the future would be tougher than heretofore.

Hepburn Sets New Record In Weight-Lifting

Vancouver, Canada, May 10.

World heavyweight lifting champion Doug Hepburn, of Vancouver, set a new world record of 381 lbs. in the military press during a week-end competition here.

The world champion strongman featured in the combined British and Empire Games weight-lifting trials at Western, Canada, championships held on Saturday.

In the military press, Hepburn lifted the 381 lbs. to his shoulders, then thrust it above his head.

One Canadian and four British Columbia records also were beaten in the competitions.

Hepburn's record lift surpassed his championship lift made last summer in Stockholm when he raised 371½ lbs. On Saturday he lifted a total of 1,000 lbs.—United Press.

TRABERT LOSES TO MOREA

Rome, May 10.

Argentine champion Enrique Morea, encouraged by partisan Italian yells of "ride him cowboy," slammed top favourite American Tony Trabert out of the Rome international tennis tournament today.

Morea, in peak tennis form, won the semi-finals encounter 6-6, 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 7-5 before 3,500 screaming fans at the Foro Italico stadium.—United Press.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Exhibition Tennis

Sir,—I think the majority of the tennis fans will agree that the programme for tomorrow's Exhibition Tennis matches should be more interesting if Edwin Tait takes the place of K.H. in the men's singles against K. Tait, after all, up till very recently, he has played (and on numerous occasions) and the results are quite well-known.

On the other hand, the Tait-Dao encounter has not taken place since Tait's return from England a year ago, and this should bring more spectators and subsequently more money for the Wimbledon Funds for which the Exhibition is arranged.

Another suggestion is that in the men's doubles Tait should play with Dao and Tait with Wang since this will place each man in his natural position thus enabling them to put up their best performance.

ANOTHER TENNIS FAN.



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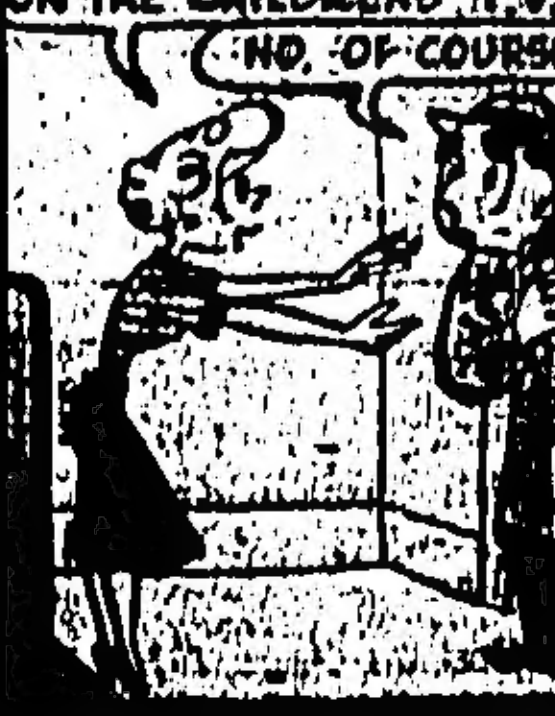
By Barry Appleby

GEORGE DARLING YOU ARE EARLY - DID MY LITTLE BOY WANT TO SEE THE COWBOY ON THE CHILDREN'S T.V.?



IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO BE HOME EARLY SO THAT WE COULD COME AND SEE THIS

(NO. OF COURSE NOT)



SPORTS SURVEY

By All-Rounder

ANOTHER ATTRACTION FOR BLACKPOOL?
Blackpool is renowned for its illuminations and its football team, for its sands and the variety of its entertainment. There is likely to be an added one next winter for it is almost certain that Rugby League football will be inaugurated at the local Greyhound Stadium. The minimum £5,000 needed to start has been raised and £3,000 of this will be set aside to buy players. Warrington's former secretary-manager, Mr. Chris. Brockbank, has been engaged.

ITN IN THE AYR
Not often do two forwards net 87 goals between them when one of them is a winger, but that is the record of James Holden and Iain Johnstone of Ayr A.D. Holden, centre forward, has scored 46 and outside right Iain 41, a remarkable total for an outside man. He also plays cricket for Ayrshire.

EMPIRE AT 72
Fred Barlow, of Huddersfield (Lancs) will shortly commence his fourth season as a local cricket umpire—and he is 72 years old. All his officiating has been done in the East Lancashire Tuesday and Wednesday Leagues, the Huddersfield Workshop, Midweek League and the Waterfoot Sunday School League. His best year was 40 years. About the match in which wickets fell so quickly that one man came to the wickets a second time and, in order to deceive, he had taken out his false teeth!

HONOUR IN DEFEAT
Greenfield F.C. lost every game they have played in the Division (Lancs) League this past season, some of them by double figures, but the opposing clubs have voted them "The Sportsman of the Season" and they will receive an award.

SEASON WITHOUT DEFEAT
Shepherd Albion by defeating Huddersfield Town in the final of the Yorkshire League's season's record. They went through to the championship of the Leicestershire Senior League without losing a game. They drew two, won 28 and had a goal average of 135-26.

ONE "DOUBLE" FOR WEST BROMICH
West Bromwich Albion may have slipped up in their "cup and league" "double" bid, but West Bromwich Warriors have achieved the feat. This club of ex-Servicemen romped home in every match they played in the Coronation League and they also lifted the Junior Cup. They won all 22 of their matches with a goal average of 217 to 33.

HUNDREDS GAMES A SEASON
Jimmy Meadows of Manchester City has played over one hundred games this season. In Army representative matches he has played 18 times at outside right, left half, centre forward, right back and inside left and scored 14 goals. He has played for his club every Thursday and scored 38 times. He has appeared for Manchester City's first and second elevens on many occasions and his overseas trip have taken him to Brussels, Belfast, Caen and Germany as well as Scotland and all over England and Wales.

THREE WOMEN SECRETARIES
Women secretaries are a rarity in Soccer, but the Gosport (Hampshire) League have three. Miss A. Bollen looks after Brockhurst's four teams, Mrs. O. Barnes is in charge of Grange United's two sides and Mrs. I. Pitt is secretary of Cam's Alders. Mrs. Olive Barnes married the brother of Wally Barnes the Arsenal and Welsh international full back.

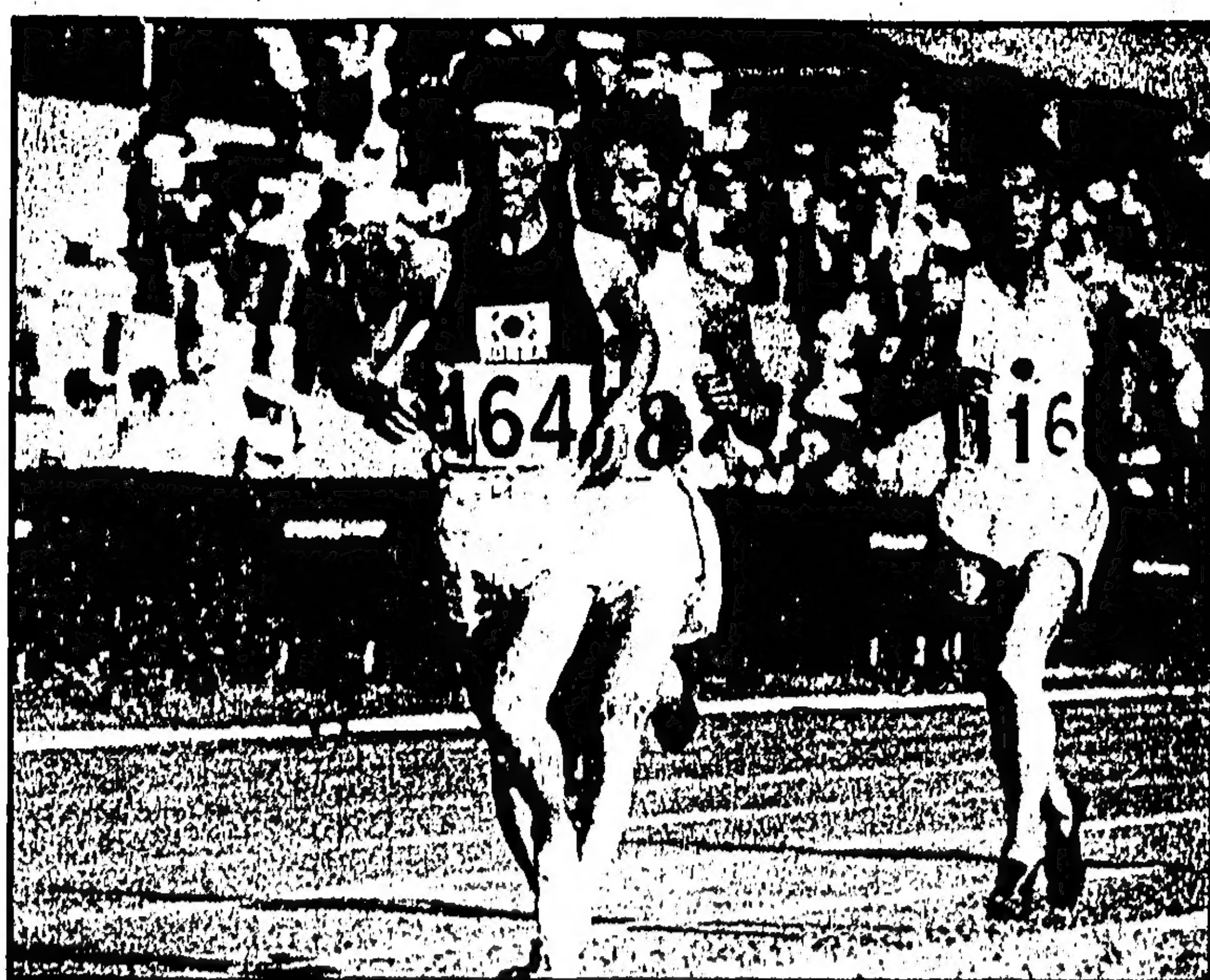
A PROUD GRANDAD
An 86 years old Scot, Mr. James Cunningham of the Elthreth mining village of Hill o' Beath, will, thanks to television, be able to see two of his grandsons playing in the Wembley Cup Final next Saturday. They are Willie Cunningham, just "capped" and Jimmy Baxter, right back and inside left of Preston North End.

70 YEARS A SUPPORTER
Mr. Jack Evans, of Builwell, has been supporting and watching Notts County for seventy years and he still attends at the age of 85, Midland Midweek League matches as well. His son has been a County supporter for forty years—the only one of a Kimberley family of 14. The other thirteen support Notts Forest.

King Paul Opens IOC Congress

Athens, May 10.
King Paul of Greece, dressed in the uniform of a Field Marshal, opened the 49th Congress of the International Olympic Committee here today at a picturesque ceremony in the ancient Herodes Atticus Theatre, in the shadow of the Parthenon. The bespectacled monarch, speaking in English, welcomed the delegates to Greece while the city's Mayor also added his welcome.—Reuter.

Korean Gold Medallist



Korea's Choi Chung-sik (164) overtaking Yamauchi Jiro and Umezawa Kazumi (116) of Japan in the last but one lap of the 10,000-metre run to win the 1st place of this event with a time of 33.006 sec., a new Asia Games Record.

In Defence Of England's Slow-Scoring Batsmen

By DENIS COMPTON

The defensive methods of some of our leading batsmen—and I am as big a "culprit" as any—is a question that remains after all the excitement of winning the Ashes and drawing the Test series in the West Indies.

The latest, and one of the most authoritative contributions to the argument comes from Freddie Brown, last year's Chairman of Test selectors, in the 1954 Wisden.

In calling for a more aggressive approach to batting, Freddie says: "Nobody could have been more delighted with England's Test triumph against the Australians than I was, but I believe it would have come with greater ease by the employment of more attacking tactics."

In principle, I believe in the all-round advantages of fast scoring as much as the most exacting critic or spectator. The quicker runs are made the more time is left for the bowlers to dismiss the opposition. Nothing annoys me more than when I become "bogged down" at the crease.

To my mind, however, the issue is not so clear as some would insist. The Don Bradmans of the cricket world probably are capable of lambasting any attack but a pattern for the majority cannot be fashioned from the achievements of a super-player.

A point to be remembered is that in normal circumstances bowlers dictate the tempo of the game as much, or nearly as much, as the batsman.

Pakistan Team Skip Hongkong

Manilla, May 10.
Revised airline schedules will not permit the Pakistani athletic team to put on an exhibition in Hongkong on Wednesday as the Pakistani team is now travelling via Singapore without stop-over in Hongkong.—France-Press.

Probe On PAAF Urged By P.I. Congressman

Manilla, May 10.
Hardly had the last echoes of the Second Asian Games closing ceremonies died than a congressional investigation of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation (PAAF) was sought this morning in a resolution urging a probe of PAAF officials and their activities during the Asian Games.

The resolution, prepared by Congressman Ramon Mitra, also aimed at the PAAF officials' disposition of \$150,000 appropriated by Congress for the use of the Asian Games which ended yesterday.

The projected investigation is an off-shoot of alleged "fraudulent" treatment of Lower House members in the allotment of seats to the Games. Mr. Mitra and several other Congressmen last week denounced the members of the Second Asian Games Organizing Committee (most of them PAAF officials) for giving the Congressmen seats that were allegedly too far to the rear.

The investigation of the PAAF was to have started last week but due to the fact that Congressmen had cautioned against doing so while the Games were still going on.—France-Press.

When, therefore, the best bowlers in any country are gathered together, supported by Test standard fielding and field-placing probably shrewder than in ordinary matches, the task facing the batsman in scoring rapidly becomes increasingly difficult.

Negative leg-side tactics especially cannot be overcome easily. The report may be made that last year the Australians, and in recent months the West Indies, made their runs more quickly than England.

On the surface, such an argument is not easy to counter, but the issue cannot be oversimplified.

DIFFERENT UP-BRINGING
The vastly different cricket up-bringing of English players compared with those, say, of the West Indies and Australia, has considerable influence of the character of their respective methods.

On perfect batting pitches in tropical countries young bowlers soon realise that to achieve any success their only hope is by hard work over long periods without thought of help from the pitch.

As a result, those who reach Test rank generally achieve greater accuracy, and the slow bowlers turn more sharply than their English counterparts. When bowlers are pin-point in length and direction, attacking strokes are made only by taking a chance.

That raises another fundamental contrast. Much as I admire the punishing stroke-play of Keith Miller, Neil Harvey, and the three West Indies "W's", I believe that a number of English batsmen would have acquired similar aggression had they learned their cricket in Australia or the West Indies.

The English batsman develops his game on all types of pitches and, if he is to make any progress, he disciplines himself to watching anything but a half volley or a full toss not only on the pitch but right on to the bat. Otherwise he will find himself beaten by some unexpected movement of the ball from the ground.

IN OTHER COUNTRIES
In other countries where the air is clearer and the ball rarely departs from the true batsman can afford to strike the ball at its pitch and to make all manner of strokes that would load them into trouble in England.

Habits formed over a long period cannot be changed overnight, or even, in a matter of months. For that reason, when playing abroad, the majority of English batsmen adopt the methods they have always used, watching the ball off the pitch and delaying the stroke.

Naturally they will not score as quickly as the home players, who at times astonish them by playing more unorthodox strokes, and, moreover, getting away with them. Conversely I would draw attention to the achievements of

A Slice Of Real Life On The Film Set

The Excitement Of Being Shelley Winters

By MOORE RAYMOND

Like a hunted woman, Shelley Winters stole into London, paused for breath, and sped off to Hollywood.

To paraphrase the poet—the hounds of grief are on Winters' traces, because it seems certain that her marriage to actor Vittorio Gassman is irretrievably wrecked.

The star had been in London 24 hours before I heard about it. I put through a call to her hotel. The conversation, almost one-sided, was about as brief and simple as this:

"I flew in from Rome yesterday. Last night I saw Sam Wanamaker about doing a play with him in London. Today I'm flying home to see my baby. I'm packing and I'm in a terrible hurry. Sorry. Good-bye."

I heard later from an unsuccessful colleague that my getting through to Miss Winters was a lucky mistake. She'd given instruction that calls from newspapers weren't to be put through to her room.

I didn't have a chance to ask after her husband, a subject about which she's become very reticent, anyway.

Shelley and Vittorio were married two years ago, and a year later their daughter Victoria was born. The husband was in Rome at the time.

At the end of last year the couple went to Rome to make a film called "Mambo." That was when the trouble began.

Signor Gassman started going round with 18-year-old Anna Maria Ferrero. Then the whole thing blew up.

TWO CONDITIONS
Shelley declared that Vittorio could have a divorce on two conditions:

1. He must pay her £1,800 a year for 18 years—to provide for the daughter;
2. He must guarantee in writing that he would marry Anna Maria Ferrero, the actress who played Ophelia to Gassman's Hamlet.

The husband's reply was to bring Anna Maria on to the set while Shelley was rehearsing, and the pair of them kept making remarks that the star didn't like.

So she threw her hand-mirror at them—and missed. Then they left the set.

Things quieted down after that. Not long ago their lawyers made a formal statement that they had agreed to a divorce, but no terms were mentioned, except that Shelley would keep Vittorio.

After saying good-bye to Miss Winters I went round to the Westmore Theatre, where Sam Wanamaker is starring in "The Big Knife"—the play about Hollywood with the lid off.

Backstage he told me that for some time he had wanted Shelley to play opposite him in a London production of the Tennessee Williams romantic comedy, "The Rose Tattoo."

"But," he said, "we still can't persuade the author that Shelley is right for the part. Now he's gone into hiding somewhere. So we're looking for another play to do together."

"But why do you particularly want to do a play with Miss Winters?"

"Because she's a fine and sensitive actress," I recalled that when she played in a Hollywood stage production of "A Streetcar Named Desire" one of the critics wrote: "It takes real guts to be that bad."

Wanamaker laughed it off and said he hoped to find the right play this summer. "She was in to see the show last night," he said. "When she came to see me afterwards she was so upset she was crying."

So sad, said Shelley has gone home to find comfort in her baby daughter.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY
The autobiography of ex-Hungarian actor S. Z. ("Cuddles") Seckell—you know, the nice old chap with the drooping cheeks—comes out next month. Its sub-title is: "My Life Under the Emperor Francis Joseph. Adolf Hitler, and the Warner Brothers."

A number of Almgors "accidentally forgot" to hand back their polarised glasses after seeing the 3-D thriller "The House of Wax" at the Warner Theatre, London. Since "The Command," in CinemaScope (no glasses), has been on at the Warner five pairs of 3-D glasses have been handed in.

HKFA MEETINGS

Two meetings will be held consecutively by the Hongkong Football Association committees on Monday, May 17 at the Association's offices.

The first commencing at 5.45 p.m. will be a Council meeting which, amongst other items on the agenda, will elect members to serve on various sub-committees in place of Mr. L. G. Young who is going away on leave.

The second meeting following this, at 7 p.m. is one where the Selection Sub-Committee will meet to select teams for the following matches:

1. Great Britain for the International Cup Final on Sunday, May 23.

2. Rest of Colony team for the Double Tenth Charity Match on Thursday, May 27.

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MIRROR METHOD
Equipped with a .38 calibre revolver in a side holster, he showed that he can draw and fire in two-fifths of a second.

He shot holes through the edge of a silver dollar tossed into the air. Resting on his back and aiming a revolver backward over his head, he looked through a mirror held between his knees and hit three out of three targets, four inches in diameter, hanging 30 feet away.

Bryce became a policeman at the age of 19 and his reputation as a sharpshooter spread rapidly.

JUST PRACTICE
Twenty-two years ago, while a detective in Oklahoma City, he was sent to arrest a man in a hotel room. The man was lying in bed pointing a rifle at the door. Bryce threw open the door and killed the man before the rifle could be fired.

HKDF Open Centenary Sports

The first of the football matches marking the start of the Hongkong Volunteer Centenary celebrations in the sporting field, was played at Soekunpo yesterday afternoon, when "Baker" Coy defeated "Charlie" Coy by the only goal of the match.

Pte Ismail broke through to score the lone tally, in a game which was featured by clean, although determined play.

The Hockey match between "Baker" Coy and the M. G. Platoon which was scheduled to be played at the same time and place, was postponed when it was found that a number of players representing "Baker" Coy were taking part in the football match on the adjacent field. A friendly knock-about was played instead.

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Ship	Europe	Aden	Port Said	Arrives Hong Kong
"CLYTONER"	Liverpool	14th May	15th May	14th May
"PYRRHUS"	do	27th May	28th May	27th May
"ANCHISE"	do	30th May	31st May	30th May
"LAOMEDON"	do	7th June	8th June	7th June
"CLYTONER"	do	12th June	13th June	12th June
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European Coal And Steel Assembly Meeting Today

Strasbourg, May 11.
 Britain's form of association with the European Coal Steel Community will be a key topic at a session of the organisation's Common Assembly opening here today.

The Common Assembly, "Parliament" of the Coal Steel Pool, will be attended by representatives of the six-member nations—France, Italy, West Germany, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Britain on May 3 published a White Paper announcing she had agreed to discuss proposals for an "association of markets" with the Community to reduce restrictions and customs duties.

Some members of the Community expressed this as agreement in principle on demands that Britain should form a closer association with the pool.

The first task of the Assembly will be to elect a successor to M. Paul Henri Späak, who recently resigned his Presidency on assuming his post as Belgian Foreign Minister.

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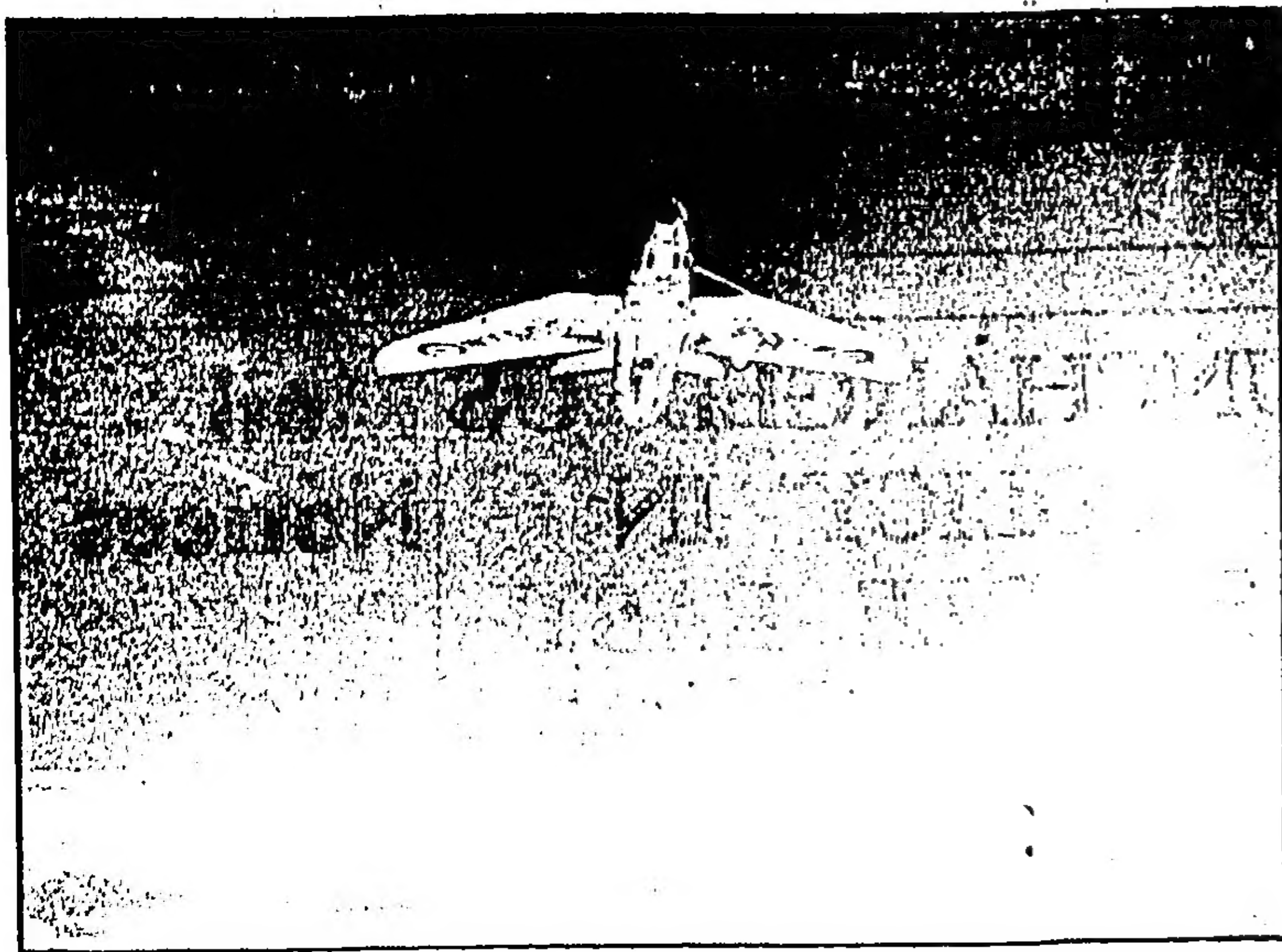
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This Paint STICKS To The Sides Of High-Speed Fighters

This week's round-up of aviation news from London tells you the interesting story that paint plays in the supersonic jet aircraft of today. Now British industry has developed a new, based on a newly-developed resin, which will not peel off the plane's fuselage. Other items in this week's round-up tell you of the progress being made in the search for a solution to the mystery of the Comet crashes, and finally news about the R.A.F.'s new TV map which is being installed at its traffic control centres. This map will help controllers see at a glance the position of aircraft in distress. This round-up, an exclusive China Mail feature, will in future be coming to you every Tuesday. It comes from the London headquarters of the Society of British Aircraft Manufacturers whose staff writers tell you in not-too-technical language the most important developments in British aviation each week.

A new high-speed paint for the latest jet fighters and bombers which will not peel off in flight near the speed of sound is being developed by a British company. It has already been tested on the tail of the latest Air Force operational aircraft and will shortly be used full-scale on one of the latest jet machines.

The paint or finish is based on a newly-developed resin which enables it to withstand great temperatures and to stick to the fuselage despite the very great friction which is generated by the air rushing past the aircraft flying at high speeds. There is a tendency for existing finishes to peel off under these conditions.

The temperature due to skin friction at these high speeds is said to be roughly the speed of the aircraft divided by 100 and squared—so a plane flying at 700 mph will heat up above 50°C (7 x 7) above the local air temperature. This heat alone may tend to soften the paint, which is then whipped off by the blast of air rushing past the aircraft. Rain or hail has also been taken into account at high speed, it hits the aircraft like a shot from a gun.

The new finish, developed by Cello, is unaffected by temperatures up to 400°F, which is the heat possible near the exhausts of the latest jet engines. It is also resistant to jet fuels, lubricants and hydraulic fluids.

Tested On Roof

The new finish has been extensively tested at Cello's factory near London. In one experiment to investigate its suitability for naval aircraft, a panel covered with the finish was placed on the roof of the factory and sprayed with salt water three times a day. It has been scratched to test its toughness, bent in hot and cold tanks to test flexibility and put in an "accelerated weather machine." This sprays it with sea-water and alternately subjects it to blistering ultra-violet light.

The new finish is a catalyst air-drying type based on the new epoxy-type resins. It is used in conjunction with a light-weight primer, so that only two coats are necessary—thus ensuring that weight is kept to the minimum.

Research into new paints not only gives new aircraft a completely adequate protective coating—it also gives them the best possible finish aerodynamically. In fact, if one jet fighter is 20 miles an hour faster than another in combat, the pilot may owe his victory to the man who gave his plane its "finish."

The importance of paint was drummed home in the early years of the last war. A captured German fighter was found to be 10 m.p.h. faster than the Spitfire—and experts were given orders to bring the Spitfire up to par. They tried everything without success—and then hit on the paint solution. By using a thinner

smoother paint, they cut down drag over the wings and the fuselage to 10 m.p.h. more, and that mattered.

No further flight tests have been made yet of the Comet jet airliner, and it is unlikely that any of the 300 planes will be flown for a few weeks.

The mystery of the Comet crashes is being probed at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough (Hants), and at the de Havilland works at Hatfield (Herts).

RAF test pilots attached to Farnborough and Mr John Cunningham, chief test pilot of de Havilland, are ready to take a Comet into the air whenever the "black-room boys" want testing done.

But at present work is concentrated in the laboratories and workshops.

Whole Airframe

A lot depends on the minute examination at Farnborough of the wreckage of the Comet which crashed off Elba on January 10. All four engines and the bulk of the airframe were salvaged from the sea.

The Comet, which dove into the sea off Naples on April 8 was lost without trace in very deep water.

The scientists are assuming that there was a common cause to both disasters.

They say that there is a great deal of analytical work to be done before any test flying.

Neither Comet was doing anything unusual when the crashes came. Each was climbing away from take-off just as Comets had been doing every day for nearly two years. To repeat this operation blindly may yield no result at all.

The experts want a guide on what to look for before a Comet flies again.

At Hatfield a series of high level conferences have been taking place to work out the lines of inquiry.

Work is still progressing there on the Comet II's which were to be introduced into service on the South American routes in the late summer.

Over time has been stopped, but normal day work is going on.

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The Royal Air Force is installing a "television map" system at its traffic control centres. The system has been especially designed to enable controllers to see at a glance the position of jet aircraft in distress.

The Royal Navy and Royal Netherlands Air Force are also installing this new equipment and civil aviation authorities are interested as well. The system has been developed by Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd.

The system works in the following way. Radio signals from the aircraft, which are picked up on an airfield direction-finding set and converted to bearings, are fed by landline to the control centre.

Here, bearings from two or more of these stations in different parts of the country are

shown on the television map, and the controller knows that the aircraft's position is at the intersection of the bearings. The controller can see at a glance where the aircraft is, and can then direct it to an appropriate airfield.

In other words, the system is an automatic, computerised version of the technique, pioneered during the war, in which incoming and bearing were plotted on a map by WAAF's using pieces of string. One end of the string was pinned firmly on the map at the radio station. The point where two or more pieces of string intersected showed the position of the aircraft.

All this of course took time, and with the advent of the jet aircraft, where even a minute delay may be vital, it became necessary to develop a fully automatic system which showed the position of the aircraft at a glance.

The standard VHF automatic direction finding systems now installed at most airfields were of course a step in this direction, but these sets merely show on a dial the direction or bearing of the aircraft. They cannot show how far it is from the airfield.

This may mean that in an emergency, the pilot may be in doubt as to the best airfield to fly to, particularly if it is at night or he is above the cloud, and not certain of his position. Getting a fix from two or more stations may take the control centre time.

Phone Line Used

Using the new television map, control centres can give the pilot all the necessary instructions, including information about reducing his height to the point where he is taken over by the local controllers at the airfield.

The new television screen system, called "triangulation," taps signals from the VHF direction-finding equipment installed at the local airfields. This information is then fed along the ordinary "telephone" landline to the control centre, where the signals are converted by a television-type receiver.

The airfield controller can still receive information from his direction-finding system, and have it displayed on a cathode ray tube, on any frequency, without interference, while the control centre is "tapping" his set. The control centre can use information from up to ten different D.F. stations.

The equipment at the control centre consists of a large ground-glass display screen, either 40 or 60 inches square. On it is a specially-prepared map, showing topographical features, airfields, towns, etc. The screen is indirectly illuminated from the rear.

Behind the screen are the cathode ray tubes—up to ten of them, depending on the number of D.F. stations used. Incoming information appears as a bright line shooting out from each station which is being used, and the aircraft sending out signals is at the intersection of the "triangle."

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Mr Butler Did Not Forget Britain's Shipping Industry

This article, by a Financial Times Correspondent, tells how Mr Butler's new investment allowance will help the British shipping industry particularly those lines which now want to replace their present ships.

Some idea of the tremendous costs confronting British shipping lines planning replacements today can be gained from the statement of the Chairman of the Union-Castle line who said the fleet cost £33 million to build and would cost £82 million to replace at current prices.

The allowance announced in last month's budget will also help the shipbuilders whose orders for new tonnage have declined sharply in recent months.

"The new investment allowance," said Mr Butler, in delivering the budget last month, "should also help the shipping industry to carry out the big replacements which are necessary in the years ahead."

It comes only just in time. The size of the U.K. merchant shipping fleet in relation to the world fleet has fallen from 50 per cent in 1905 to only about 20 per cent today, and the decline since 1939 in the dry-cargo fleet has only been masked by the fact that the tanker tonnage is up by about a third.

More immediately pressing is the case of the U.K. fleet. The first of the accompanying tables shows that the U.K. compares well with the world figures, which are depressed by the under-age of the large U.S. fleet, but makes a poor showing compared with, say, Norway, one of our principal rivals.

And these figures too are affected by the inclusion of new tanker tonnage. If tankers are omitted, the 21 per cent of U.K. tonnage under five years of age is reduced to 17 per cent.

The ageing of the fleet is a threat rather than a fact as yet. Orders for new ships have to be placed two or three years ahead, and it is only in the last couple

of years that the tone of 9½ per cent of its capital cost (that is, to the extent of the income-tax and profits tax on the 20 per cent allowance which the Inland Revenue now forgoes). Anyone who buys a new ship today will have to pay only £205,000 for it; the Exchequer will make up the difference by remitting £95,000 of tax to the purchaser.

WELCOME MOVE

This innovation will be very welcome to the shipbuilders, who have been making representations to the Chancellor for some time about the havoc wreaked in their finances by the old system of depreciation.

The industry's tax depreciation allowances in the last year for which there are figures totalled 60 per cent of assessed profits—3½ times the average. To build a new ship today costs roughly four times what it cost in 1939 and twice what it cost immediately after the war. If you bought a ship with a 20-year life in 1934 and have been depreciating it over the years on the basis of what it cost, there will be a big gap to make up before you can buy a new one.

The present Union-Castle fleet, for example, cost about £33m. to build; the chairman has estimated that it would cost

TABLE I AGE OF THE WORLD'S MERCHANT FLEETS									
Age	World	U.K.	U.S.	Norway	Panama	China	Japan	India	Others
Under 5 years	18	21	3	40	20	20	20	20	20
5-10 years	29	29	41	20	20	20	20	20	20
10-15 years	25	22	44	14	22	22	22	22	22
15-20 years	5	0	1	8	2	2	2	2	2
20-25 years	5	0	2	8	5	5	5	5	5
Over 25 years	18	13	9	10	4	4	4	4	4

Age of the world's merchant fleets, expressed in the numbers in each age-group as a percentage of the total. Figures by courtesy of Lloyd's Register.

TABLE II THE COST OF SHIP REPLACEMENT									
Type of vessel	1938	1953	On replace-ment	On replace-ment	On replace-ment	On replace-ment	On replace-ment	On replace-ment	On replace-ment
12½ knot super-tramp	145,000	570,000	7,250	28,500	21,250				
14½ knot plain cargo liner	260,000	1,000,000	13,000	50,000	37,000				
17½ knot special-ised cargo liner	475,000	1,550,000	23,750	77,500	53,750				

Source: Sir Donald Anderson, writing in the National Provincial Bank Review.

of years that orders have begun to fall off seriously. In the single year 1952-53, the proportion of vessels less than 10 years old fell sharply from 55 to 50 per cent. The tendency to postpone replacement is very real, and Mr Butler's new proposals have come at an opportune moment.

FEELING THE BENEFIT

In principle, the new proposal applies no differently to shipbuilders than to other industrial equipment, though shipping will feel its benefit most.

Under the old system of initial allowances a company was allowed to charge to depreciation a relatively larger part of the initial cost of its equipment in the year of purchase, and a relatively smaller proportion in later years.

In effect, a company received a loan from the Exchequer which had to be paid back in the form of smaller deductions later on—and it became more difficult to obtain more for the initial allowance to be neutralised in accounting practice.

Initial allowances were a bait that worked at first, but ceased to allure on reflection. The new investment allowance, on the other hand, is a real gift. Anyone who buys a new piece of machinery will get 20 per cent of its cost allowed against tax, and the 20 per cent will not be deducted when ordinary depreciation is calculated (or for the purposes of calculating the balancing charge if the machine is sold).

The Treasury is saying in effect: We will subsidise those companies who invest in new

Last Voyage For An Old Veteran

Capetown, May 10.

The ship the agency could not sink will enter Capetown docks for the last time towards the end of May—the Union-Castle veteran 12,044-ton Llangibby Castle, now on her farewell voyage round Africa before being withdrawn from service.

She had several narrow escapes during World War II surviving a bombing attack in port and being shelled from the North African coast. She was also involved in a collision during the period of the Normandy invasion.

Her closest call was when a submarine shot away her stern rudder and after gun with a torpedo. She travelled 3,400 miles in the North Atlantic in this crippled state with 1,400 men and crew on board.—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$107,095. New quotations and the morning's dealings—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HK Bank 172 3 1600

East Asia 172 3 1600

INSURANCES

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DOCKS, ETC.

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America Wants Ceylon To End Trade Pact With Red China

Colombo, May 10.

The United States' suggestion that Ceylon terminate her rubber and rice trade pact with China in exchange for American aid is now being actively explored.

But sources pointed out that the United States cannot fix the minimum price for Ceylon rubber without upsetting her trade with other countries. Neither can she give Ceylon aid as long as Ceylon sells strategic materials to the Chinese Communists.

The Butler Act forbids this. Hence, the United States proposal for substantial U.S. financial aid, some part of which it was suggested, be used to subsidise rubber producers and the economic development.

Cabinet members who oppose the suggestion pointed out that if Ceylon terminates the pact with China, which has three years to run, she will be entirely dependent on American generosity, which, they said, may dry up should Ceylon disagree with American policy.

The Ceylon-China pact is due for price revision at the end of this year. The American suggestion is that this would be a good opportunity to terminate it.

Last week the Minister of Commerce was asked in the House of Representatives whether he proposed to terminate the China pact. His reply was "Certainly not."

—United Press.

Official's Faith In US Economy

Chicago, May 10.

The United States' economic decline was not serious and the time had not yet come for "emergency action," one of President Eisenhower's chief economic advisers said today.

Mr Meyer, Secretary, Chairman of the President's Study Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations, said United States business could solve the current economic decline and future "ups and downs" through research and more foresight.

Mr Kestnbaum spoke at the opening session of the 34th annual conference of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks.

"We have effective means for dealing with an emergency if it should arise, but that time has not yet come," he said.

Business could prevent sharp economic fluctuations by expanding to the fullest the possibilities of research.

"Business could also help to develop demand by improving its marketing methods," Mr Kestnbaum said.

He said the development of new products and services, together with improvements in marketing, helped to increase total demand and economic growth, and thus contributed to long-range economic stability.

"The better these things are done, the greater will be the contribution of business to stability," he said.

Mr Kestnbaum added, "Our economy is strong, and it possesses important dynamic factors making for long-range growth. The real task before us is not the prevention of economic collapse, but the management of the inevitable lesser fluctuations."

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, May 10.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to one point lower with sales of 241 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged with sales of 64 contracts.

Buying credited to Cuban account, steadied the market after a falling start.

Dealers sought confirmation of rumours to the effect that India, over the week-end bought 50,000 tons of British refined sugar. Cuba had hoped to obtain.

Future closings were: Contract No

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